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## EDITORIAL

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THE COLUMBUS MEETING was held as scheduled. In spite of predicted success there was some fear that we could not countervail the throes of the depression. Nevertheless, a most successful meeting was held, with a splendid program and a splendid attendance. As would be expected, the attendance from distant points was small. However, it is doubtful if we have ever had as good attendance from the local state as Ohio provided at this meeting. The following five-year comparison is intended to show something of the status quo of our organization. These figures indicate many interesting facts, but they are results; and there are certain determining factors which they can show only by inference, for example, the enthusiasm, loyalty, and labor of the officers, and the splendid coöperation and coördination between them. It may be truly said that the Wilson Ornithological Club, as an organization, has never been in a stronger position than it is in at the present time. As the depression begins to lift we will look for surprising growth.

	Ann Arbor 1928	Des Moines 1929	Cleveland 1930	New Orleans 1931	Columbus 1932
Local attendance .....	31	106	41	11	92
Out of town attendance .....	75	96	122	81	65
Total attendance .....	106	202	163	92	157
Dinner attendance .....	50	77	98	35	69
Titles on the program.....	24	36	33	27	35
Honorary members .....	4	9	7	7	7
Life members .....	0	5	7	7	10
Sustaining members .....	64	66	58	57	75
Active members .....	248	245	227	214	175
Associate members .....	383	397	479	461	469
Total membership .....	702	717	775	744	734
Pages in BULLETIN.....	274	272	312	334	256
Total income .....	\$1981	\$2167	\$2451	\$2686	\$2191
Fiscal balance .....	\$527	\$530	\$675	\$731	\$547

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OFFICERS of the Biological Society of Washington have announced that "The International Rules of Zoological Nomenclature" (28 pp., paper, 1926) may now be obtained for 50 cents, by application to J. S. Wade, Secretary of the Society, U. S. Bureau of Entomology, Washington, D. C. Other papers on the birds of the District of Columbia have also been reduced in price.

THE PRESENT ISSUE of the BULLETIN is somewhat smaller than usual. This is merely a provision for safety, pending the uncertainty of income from dues. The magazine will be increased to full size, and more, just as soon as our income warrants it. Not a few other scientific periodicals have been curtailed in number of pages, even thus far this year. Practically all publishing societies are asking their members to do the best they can in paying dues promptly. In these uncertain times each one must decide for himself what his own circumstances will permit him to do toward the support of the societies to which he may belong. We are quite sure that our membership would strongly disapprove the allowance of any deficit in publication costs. Those of us who may be willing and able to pay dues in a higher class of membership may thus materially help to continue our publication through the present crisis. Most of us are optimistic enough to believe that our economic conditions will have greatly improved by the time another dues-paying season comes around.

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UP TO THE PRESENT TIME only two designs for a library book plate have been submitted. The officers would like very much to be able to select from a collection of twenty or thirty designs. Some of our members who may not feel that they have artistic ability might, nevertheless, have ideas which could be worked into a design. So, we would encourage anyone to submit even a rough sketch of a book plate design, leaving it to the Committee to have it put in shape for reproduction. One of the designs now in hand is a drawing of a single species, the Long-eared Owl—species named for Alexander Wilson. Another design includes a field glass, a note book, and several other items in the paraphernalia of the bird student. What other symbol, or symbols, of bird study might be appropriately placed on our collection of books? We are very anxious that many more will offer their ideas for a book plate design before the final choice is made. The selected design should be wholly appropriate and satisfactory, since it may be in use for a long time—ten years or a hundred. Your ideas on paper, please!

Suggestions or designs may be sent directly to the W. O. C. Library, Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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The American Association for the Advancement of Science has announced the following schedule of meetings, which may be of some interest to us in determining our own meetings.

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| 1933. | Boston.       | December 27 to January 2. |
| 1934. | Pittsburgh.   | December 27 to January 3. |
| 1935. | St. Louis.    | December 27 to January 2. |
| 1936. | Washington.   | December 28 to January 2. |
| 1937. | Indianapolis. | December 27 to January 1. |

Besides these regular winter meetings there will be summer meetings each year in other cities.